



# KANAWHA COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Meeting Minutes January 8, 2019

Call to Order by Chairwoman: Tresa Howell

Roll Call : Stephanie Abramowitz, Diana Brown, Donna Caruthers, Tom Collins, Paul Coon, Diana Graves, Donna Holstine, David Howell, Tresa Howell, Candace Joseph, Fred Joseph, Nancy Kogoy, Ryan Lemmon, Thorney Lieberman, Larry Medley, Madison Neeley, Rob Potter, Carolyn Stricklen, and Danny Stricklen were voting members present. Associate members in attendance were Beth Bloch, Jessica Hudson, and Rhonda Hudson.

Minutes from the December meeting and the Treasurer's Report were distributed. A motion was made to approve the December minutes by Fred Joseph. Ryan Lemmon seconded the motion and the minutes were approved. An explanation of recent deposits and expenditures from both the December and January Treasurer's Reports was requested to explain the balance of \$9, 137.22. A discussion began about using the balance in the account, but also protecting the funds for the 2020 election. Using some funds to secure a great speaker for the Lincoln Day Dinner was suggested, but we were reminded that did not always ensure a good profit. A discussion about winning more elections included supporting candidates that will work hard and fundraise, form a KCREC committee to recruit candidates and assist them, as well as print an information booklet about the candidates. A motion was made by Paul Coon to approve the Treasurer's Report, Larry Medley seconded it, and it passed.

Guests were welcomed to the meeting. They included Logan Casterline, Joseph Spencer, Bill Huddleston, and Brady Campbell. Brady Campbell thanked the committee for its help during the election. Bill Huddleston also expressed his gratitude and suggested a seminar on how to run in local elections as well as his advice to avoid candidate forums that he felt were not useful. There were no resignations or appointments. Nancy Kogoy reported that the Caring Committee sent out sympathy and get well cards. Recruitment Committees for both committee members and 2020 candidates are assembling members and beginning work. Diana Graves reported that the new term of the legislature will include education reform. She said that changing the status of teachers from "hybrid employees" to county employees is a concept being considered. There was no County Commission Report.

Our Chairwoman announced that Fred Joseph was awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award at the December meeting. The committee thanked him for his generous hours of volunteer work. Larry Pack, owner of the building of our Victory Center, told our chairwoman that the committee can continue the use of the building until it is rented. Crossroads Pregnancy Care Center reached out to see if the

committee could raise some money to donate as was done in past years. After a discussion, Carolyn Stricklen made a motion to include in the email for the February meeting that there will be a collection for Crossroads Pregnancy Care Center and a vote on a donation to the center from KCREC. Ryan Lemmon seconded the motion and it passed.

Our Chairwoman opened up a discussion about the bylaws of the committee. She noted that 4 committee members had not attended any committee meetings since July 2018 which violates committee code. She asked that Dianna Graves help with a sub-committee to address a review of the bylaws with special oversight to sections dealing with voting by proxy, absentee members, committee members campaigning for Democrats, and procedures to remove committee members, and members responsibility to secure Poll Workers.

Anna Armstead sent a message thanking the committee for their help in her husband's (Tim Armstead) election to the WV Supreme Court. The February meeting will be held at the Kanawha City Headquarters. Donna Caruthers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Danny Stricklen seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Stephanie Abramowitz, Secretary